

FOOD AND OIL

The Board has adopted the following as the standard for gasoline:

Initial boiling point not higher than.....	65°c.
Distillate not less than 18 per cent by volume at.....	110°c.
Residue not more than 35 per cent by volume at.....	150°c.
Dry or end point not higher than.....	225°c.

The Board desires to call the attention of the Legislature to the salary of the oil and gasoline inspectors. It has been found difficult in several of the districts to retain efficient men at the price offered. I would suggest that the pay be made \$6 per day while at work and expenses.

Markets.—Prof. Camp has been constantly employed in endeavoring to establish a system of markets, and has made some progress. The monthly price list has been made bimonthly, and I think that on account of the scarcity of paper, if for no other reason, quarterly would answer for the present. The weekly two-sheet market reports are issued regularly. There is some complaint as to the figures stated, as those reporting the different markets do not inform the editor of changes, and they are continued at the same figure. This is one of the most important departments of our work, and it will require time, patience and money to produce a satisfactory system.

RURAL CREDITS

Such attention as is required is given to this, but the financial machinery of the government is such that it furnishes nearly all the information needed for this and kindred purposes.

Examination of the report will suggest ways in which by coöperation farmers in buying and selling can receive benefits which they have lost in acting as individuals.

FARMERS INSTITUTES

This continues one of the most successful means of getting information to our farmers. While most of the states have less illiteracy, there is not one that surpasses North Carolina in actual practical accomplishments. One hundred and ninety-seven institutes were held, with an attendance of 32,217.

DEMONSTRATION

There are Demonstrators employed in 83 counties. Some of them are successful administrators of serum for hog cholera and are a great convenience to the farmers. It is a convenient way to collect information on any subject desired, and the head of the division, Mr. C. R. Hudson, is ever ready and willing to act promptly on any matter concerning which his aid is requested.